EAST KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULAR**

January 8, 2026, East Knox Elementary, 6 pm

A. Call to Order

The President, Ms. Bush, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

The President called the roll:

Mr. Joshua Beltz, here
Ms. Lindsay Bush, here
Mr. Alan Huffman, here
Mr. Randy Reese, here
Mrs. Melissa Tomlinson, here

C. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.

26-012 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
Mr. Huffman moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to approve the agenda.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Public Participation

Please see Board Policy #0169.1

- Kathy Tate – Concerned about the design and set-up of the new website and difficulty finding items on the website.

E. Treasurer Report

- Financial Update
  - Revenues are up $147,000 compared to last year through the month of December.
    - Tax receipts are up $129,000 from last year. We will start receiving advances in January or early February.
    - Interest earnings are up $73,000 for the year.
  - Expenses were $457,000 higher for the entire year.
    - Salaries are up $121,000 and benefits are down $82,000 due to the premium holiday.
- Conflict of Interest Form-needs completed and turned into me

Upcoming:
- Financial Audit-IT Testing completed this week and reports in final review
- Copier RFP- bids due tomorrow and committee review scheduled for January 21st with a possible recommendation to BOE in February
- Public Records Training-attending on your behalf in February, but if you would like to attend one please let me know (3 hours through Auditor of State)

- Financial Forecast- required in February instead of May so will update for February approval

F. Treasurer Recommendations

Recommendation to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2025, regular board meeting.

Recommendation to approve the December 2025 Financial Report as presented.

Recommendation to approve the following Budgetary Amendments:

572	Title I-Disadvantaged Children/Targeted Assistance	$4,210.10
590	Improving Teacher Quality	(49.46)

26-013 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Beltz moved and Ms. Bush seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

G. Building Reports

- None

H. Superintendent Report and Board Discussion

- School Board Recognition Month from OSBA
- Playground – quote received for surfacing on the playground, parental involvement meeting, and discussion of design options.
- Staffing updates – long-term sub for 2nd grade, long term sub for 5th grade position
- Student Behavior updates – de-escalation room is nearly complete, working on process for referrals to room, working on process for tier 2 & 3 behaviors, group will be working on staff professional development in this area as well.
- KCCC board meeting conflicts and future tour for board members
- Facebook comments on district page available
- Future recording of board meetings
- Discussion of negotiations, training, and possible MOU regarding mediation timelines
- Ellie Clark – Student Board Representative

I. Superintendent Recommendations

Recommendation to schedule a Board Policy Committee Meeting between January 20th – 23rd, 2026:

01/21/26 4:30 p.m.

Recommendation to approve the OSBA Renewal Membership for 2026 for $5,695.

Recommendation to approve the quote from Xtek Partners for 32 Touchscreen Chromebooks for the Jr/Sr. High for $13,376.

26-014 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Huffman moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

J. Personnel—(Subject to proper placement on the salary scale, contingent upon favorable report from the BCII/FBI, and receipt of proper certification.)

Recommendation to approve Cody Howard, JH Girls Basketball Coach Step 0, $3,044.

Recommendation to approve the following as long-term sub teachers for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year at $125 per day.

Macy Springer
Tiffany Davis

Recommendation to approve event ticket taker pay for the 2026 as $50 per event and game manager pay as $65 per event. Payment is deducted from the athletic fund.

Recommendation to approve the following additional sub teachers, from the Knox County Educational Service Center, for the 2025-2026 school year:

Dallas Cornett
Thomas McCauley
Amy Lynn Blakely

Recommendation to add the following to the after-school tutor list:

Eden Carpenter
Cheyenne MacIver

Recommendation to add the following to the home instruction tutor list:

Megan Bullock

Recommendation to approve the request for movement on the salary scale for Gage Steinmetz from BA/150 to MA, Step 2 effective, January 5, 2026 due to completion of additional course work.

Recommendation to approve the following teachers for student teaching cooperation for Fall 2025 (cost paid by Muskingum University):

Elizabeth Pozderac-$87.50
Hannah Hawkins-$87.50

26-015 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS
Ms. Bush moved and Mr. Beltz seconded the motion to approve the above recommendations.
Roll call: All present – Yes. Motion carried.

K. Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

26-016 MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
Mr. Huffman moved and Mr. Reese seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.
Roll call: All Present-Yes. Motion carried.

L. Visitors

Kathleen Tate

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President Treasurer